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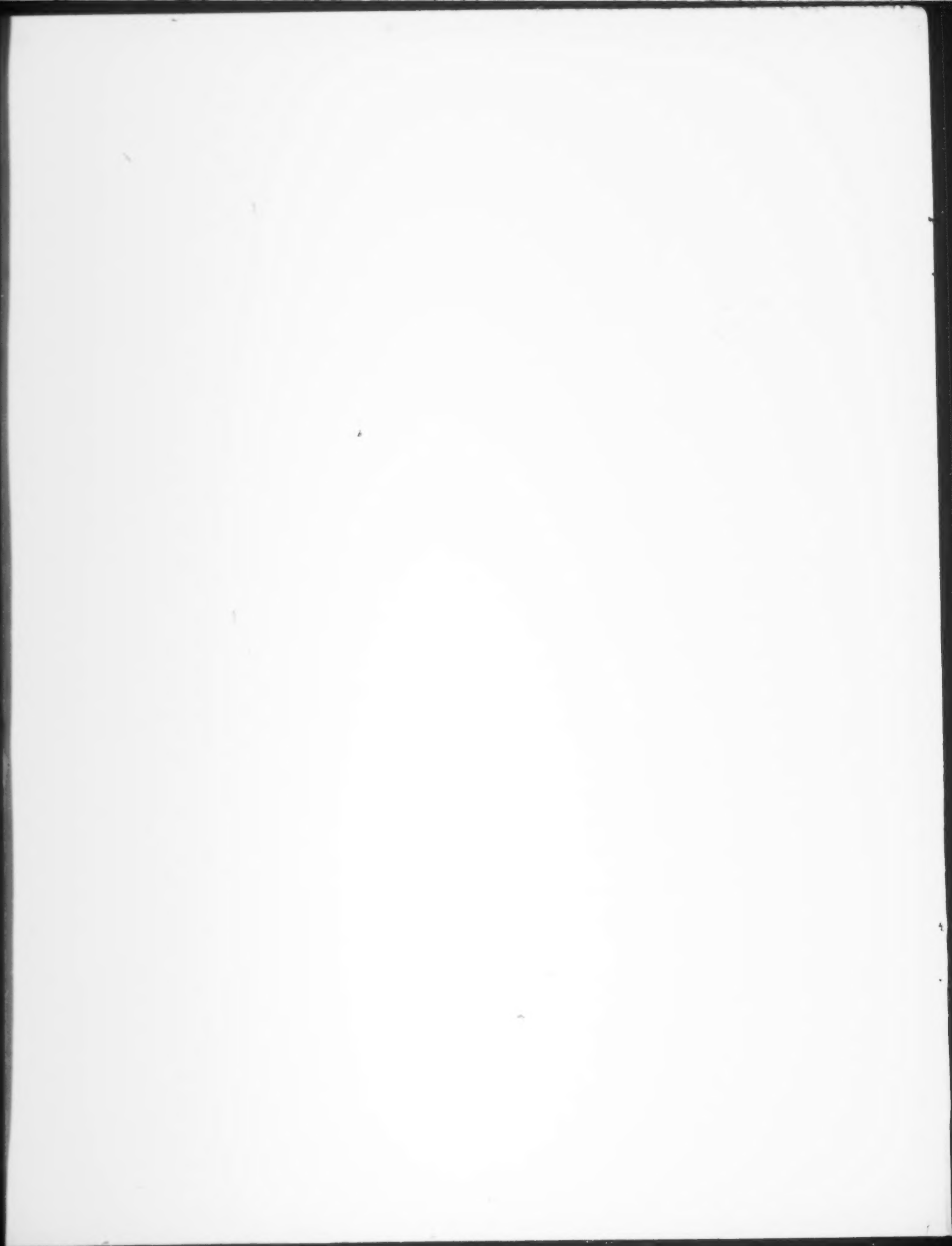
State Labor

SUMMARY



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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's unemployment rate after seasonal adjustments was 3.2 in February, a decline of 0.7 percent from the prior month's rate of 3.9. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 for February. The national rate was 5.4 in January. From a year ago, the state's rate was down from 3.7 percent.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina in February was 3,390,000, a decline 45,000 from the January estimate of 3,435,000. From February 1988, the civilian labor force reflected an increase of 84,000.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for February, moved down to 3,283,000 from 3,302,000 in January for a decline of 19,000 workers. The number employed in February 1989 was 98,000 greater than in February 1988, for an increase of about 2.5 percent. The number of persons unemployed was 26,000 less in February (107,000) than in January (133,000). From February a year ago, the unemployed estimate was down by 14,000. The February 1988 unemployed numbered 121,000.

In February, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment was 3,031,400, an increase of 10,400 from the prior month's estimate of 3,021,000. An over-the-month loss of 1,200 occurred in manufacturing, while employment in nonmanufacturing increased by 11,600 workers. In manufacturing, there were no significant changes over the month. Employment gains in nonmanufacturing were largest in the service (+ 5,300) and trade (+3,200) industries.

A total of 95,100 employees were added to industry payrolls from February 1988-February 1989. Manufacturing employment increased by 3,900, as employment in nonmanufacturing was increasing by 91,200. The manufacturing gain was in durable goods (+5,500). Gains of 3,800 workers occurred in the fabricated metal products, and 3,700 in machinery, exc. electrical. Most nondurable goods industries posted modest changes for an overall decline from February 1988.

In February 1989, 9,091 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission. Nearly one-half (4,318) of the individuals was placed in manufacturing industries. More than 1,940 persons found jobs in the service industry, while 1,728 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 1,695 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 1,747 in bench work; 1,315 in services, except domestic; and 1,102 in machine trades.

Production workers in manufacturing earned \$8.33 an hour in February. The average hours worked were 39.9, and average weekly earnings amounted to \$332.37. There was an increase of \$.28 an hour in average hourly earnings from February 1988. Workers in cigarette manufacturing had the highest hourly pay at \$17.49. In nonmanufacturing, workers in communications and public utilities averaged \$12.36 an hour during February 1989.

The number of production workers in North Carolina declined from 683,700 in January 1989 to 682,900 in February 1989 (-800). Most major industry divisions registered small changes as durable goods lost 600 production workers, and nondurable goods experienced a decline of 200. From February a year ago, manufacturing declined by 1,700 production workers with furniture losing 2,700 and textiles losing 4,100.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

February 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
September 1988 through February 1989

	Feb. 1988	Sep. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,872	4,934	4,943	4,951	4,959	4,967	4,975
Civilian Labor Force	3,306	3,358	3,387	3,386	3,371	3,435	3,390
Participation Rate	67.9	68.1	68.5	68.4	68.0	69.2	68.1
Employed	3,185	3,237	3,254	3,266	3,254	3,302	3,283
Employment-Population Ratio ²	65.4	65.6	65.8	66.0	65.6	66.5	66.0
Unemployed	121	121	133	120	117	133	107
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.2
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
December 1988 through February 1989

	Feb. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,872	4,959	4,967	4,975
Civilian Labor Force	3,294	3,358	3,381	3,381
Participation Rate ¹	67.6	67.7	68.1	68.0
Employed	3,156	3,247	3,231	3,255
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.8	65.5	65.0	65.4
Unemployed	138	111	150	125
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.3	4.4	3.7
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.0	1.4	2.3	1.6

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

February 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
September 1988 through February 1989

	Feb. 1988	Sep. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	183,969	184,962	185,114	185,244	185,402	185,644	185,777
Civilian Labor Force	121,165	121,984	122,091	122,510	122,563	123,428	123,181
Participation Rate ¹	65.9	66.0	66.0	66.1	66.1	66.5	66.3
Employed	114,272	115,370	115,573	115,947	116,009	116,711	116,853
Employment-Population Ratio ²	62.1	62.4	62.4	62.6	62.6	62.9	62.9
Unemployed	6,892	6,614	6,518	6,563	6,554	6,716	6,328
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.1
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
December 1988 through February 1989

	Feb. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	183,969	185,402	185,644	185,777
Civilian Labor Force	119,942	122,120	122,095	121,906
Participation Rate ¹	65.2	65.9	65.8	65.6
Employed	112,460	115,978	114,786	115,023
Employment-Population Ratio ²	61.1	62.6	61.8	61.9
Unemployed	7,482	6,142	7,309	6,883
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.6
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.8	2.2	2.6	2.6

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

February 1988-February 1989

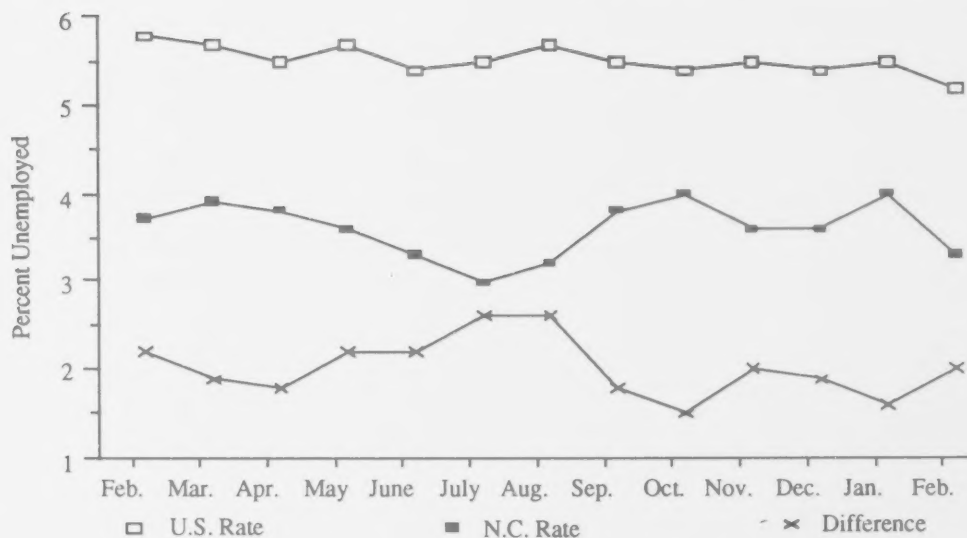


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

February 1988-February 1989

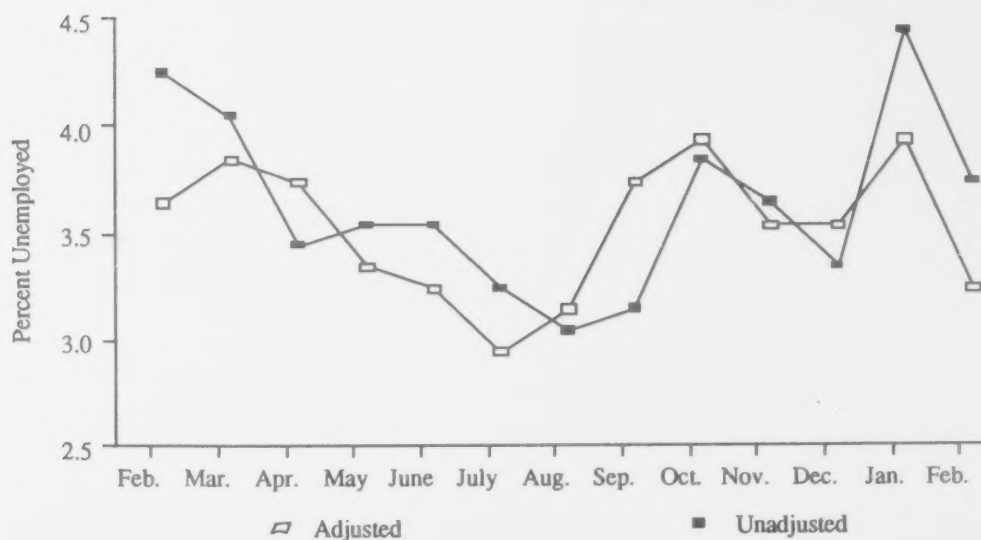


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

February 1989¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989 Net	Percent	Feb. 1988 Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,380.8	3,381.3	3,293.5	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 87.3	+ 2.7
Unemployment, Total	125.4	150.4	137.9	- 25.0	- 16.6	- 12.5	- 9.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.7	4.4	4.2	- 0.7	xxx	- 0.5	xxx
Employment, Total	3,255.4	3,230.9	3,155.6	+ 24.5	+ 0.8	+ 99.8	+ 3.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force	3,390.0	3,435.0	3,306.0	- 45.0	- 1.3	+ 84.0	+ 2.5
Unemployment, Total	107.0	133.0	121.0	- 26.0	- 19.5	- 14.0	- 11.6
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.2	3.9	3.7	- 0.7	xxx	- 0.5	xxx
Employment, Total	3,283.0	3,302.0	3,185.0	- 19.0	- 10.6	+ 98.0	+ 3.1
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,031.4	3,021.0	2,936.3	+ 10.4	+ 0.3	+ 95.1	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	873.1	874.3	869.2	- 1.2	- 0.1	+ 3.9	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	357.2	357.8	351.7	- 0.6	- 0.2	+ 5.5	+ 1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	37.3	36.9	37.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.5	12.4	12.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	- 0.1	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.4	9.4	- 0.1	- 1.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.6	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.2	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
Furniture & Fixtures	87.2	88.2	92.7	- 1.0	- 1.1	- 5.5	- 5.9
Household Furniture	77.5	78.4	82.3	- 0.9	- 1.1	- 4.8	- 5.8
Wood Household Furniture	39.6	40.0	41.1	- 0.4	- 1.0	- 1.5	- 3.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.2	32.6	34.9	- 0.4	- 1.2	- 2.7	- 7.7

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Industry employment compiled by the LMI Division in cooperation with USDOL, BLS.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

February 1989¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989		Feb. 1988	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.8	21.6	20.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 1.2	+ 5.8
Structural Clay Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.3
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.1	5.9	6.1	+ 0.2	+ 3.4	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Products	12.8	12.9	12.0	- 0.1	- 0.8	+ 0.8	+ 6.7
Fabricated Metal Products	31.0	31.2	27.2	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 3.8	+ 14.0
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	10.0	10.1	8.6	- 0.1	- 1.0	+ 1.4	+ 16.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	62.3	62.1	58.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.7	+ 6.3
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	7.9	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.3	- 0.2	- 2.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.8	58.6	60.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	- 1.3	- 2.2
Household Appliances	6.6	6.1	5.0	+ 0.5	+ 8.2	+ 1.6	+ 32.0
Transportation Equipment	27.4	27.5	26.1	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 1.3	+ 5.0
Other Durable Goods ⁴	18.6	18.8	17.4	- 0.2	- 1.1	+ 1.2	+ 6.9
Nondurable Goods	515.9	516.5	517.5	- 0.6	- 0.1	- 1.6	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	51.9	51.6	50.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
Meat Products	23.7	23.7	23.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Meat Packing Products	2.6	2.5	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.0	+ 0.2	+ 8.3
Dairy Products	3.0	2.9	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.4	- 0.2	- 6.3
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.7	2.7	- 0.1	- 3.7	- 0.1	- 3.7
Bakery Products	8.5	8.3	8.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.4	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Beverages	6.7	6.7	6.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.7	+ 11.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.1	24.2	23.4	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Cigarettes	18.1	18.4	18.5	- 0.3	- 1.6	- 0.4	- 2.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.7	5.2	4.5	+ 0.5	+ 9.6	+ 1.2	+ 26.7
Textile Mill Products	221.2	221.8	222.3	- 0.6	- 0.3	- 1.1	- 0.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton,							
Synthetics & Wool	53.9	53.6	51.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.5	+ 4.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.1	24.1	26.4	0.0	0.0	- 2.3	- 8.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.5	28.4	24.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 4.1	+ 16.8

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Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989		Feb. 1988	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Knitting Mills	84.2	84.0	84.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	- 0.7	- 0.8
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	23.6	23.3	25.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.3	- 1.8	- 7.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.8	22.9	22.6	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.1	16.0	16.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	- 0.2	- 1.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	6.6	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 4.5
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	16.1	15.8	14.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.9	+ 1.3	+ 8.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.6	51.6	56.2	0.0	0.0	- 4.6	- 8.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.2	86.9	90.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	- 3.6	- 4.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	30.5	30.4	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 1.0	- 3.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.5	35.7	35.3	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	21.7	21.8	22.0	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.3	- 1.4
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.8	10.0	10.3	- 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.5	- 4.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.2	8.1	7.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.2	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
Printing & Publishing	29.8	29.8	29.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Newspapers	10.7	10.6	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	41.9	41.8	40.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 3.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.6	13.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 5.4
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	34.1	33.8	- 0.4	- 1.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods ³	4.4	4.5	4.4	- 0.1	- 2.2	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	2,158.3	2,146.7	2,067.1	+ 11.6	+ 0.5	+ 91.2	+ 4.4
Mining	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
Construction	167.4	165.9	169.7	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	- 2.3	- 1.4
Transportation	151.2	149.8	145.9	+ 1.4	+ 0.9	+ 5.3	+ 3.6
Transportation, exc. Railroad	91.0	89.5	85.1	+ 1.5	+ 1.7	+ 5.9	+ 6.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.6	56.9	57.1	- 0.3	- 0.5	- 0.5	- 0.9

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Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989		Feb. 1988	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	699.8	696.6	664.1	+ 3.2	+ 0.5	+ 35.7	+ 5.4
Wholesale Trade	164.6	164.2	159.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 5.3	+ 3.3
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	98.4	98.2	95.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.5	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	66.2	66.0	63.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	+ 4.4
Retail Trade	535.2	532.4	504.8	+ 2.8	+ 0.5	+ 30.4	+ 6.0
General Merchandise Stores	74.6	74.3	69.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 5.4	+ 7.8
Food Stores	87.9	87.4	78.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 9.3	+ 11.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.0	131.7	130.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.4	+ 1.1
Service & Miscellaneous ⁴	545.0	539.7	506.0	+ 5.3	+ 1.0	+ 39.0	+ 7.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	29.3	29.2	28.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Personal Services	32.2	31.4	31.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.5	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.8	13.9	13.9	- 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1	- 0.7
Total Government	457.8	457.9	445.9	- 0.1	0.0	+ 11.9	+ 2.7
Federal	55.1	54.7	53.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.2	+ 2.2
State	131.8	131.4	129.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.4	+ 1.9
Education	69.0	68.5	67.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.8	+ 2.7
Other	62.8	62.9	62.2	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Local	270.9	271.8	262.6	- 0.9	- 0.3	+ 8.3	+ 3.2
Education	140.0	140.0	136.3	0.0	0.0	+ 3.7	+ 2.7
Other	130.9	131.8	126.3	- 0.9	- 0.7	+ 4.6	+ 3.6
All Other Nonag. Employment ⁷	262.4	276.4	256.2	- 14.0	- 5.1	+ 6.2	+ 2.4
Agriculture	37.7	33.1	38.9	+ 4.6	+ 13.9	- 1.2	- 3.1

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Figure 3

*Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)*

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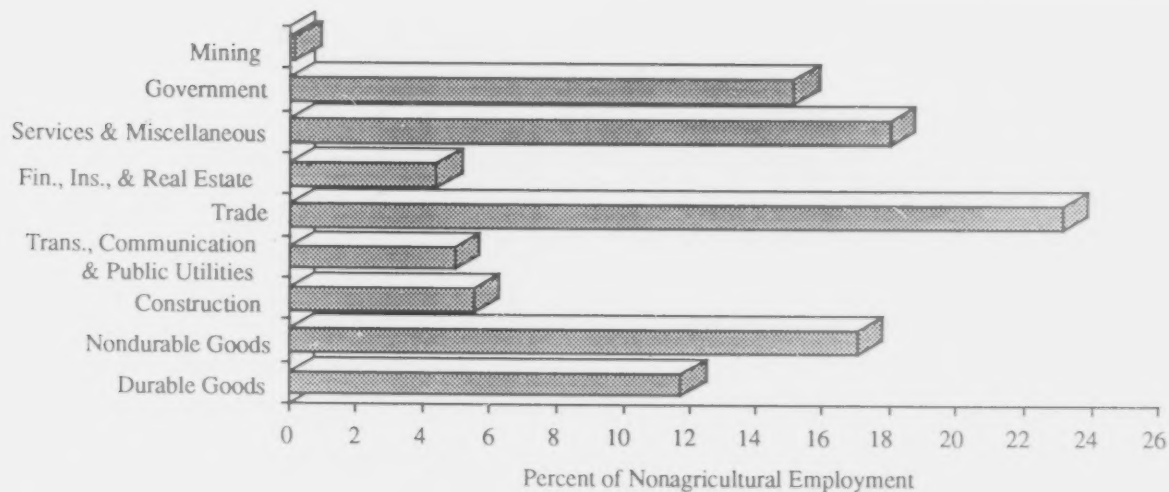


Figure 4

*Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)*

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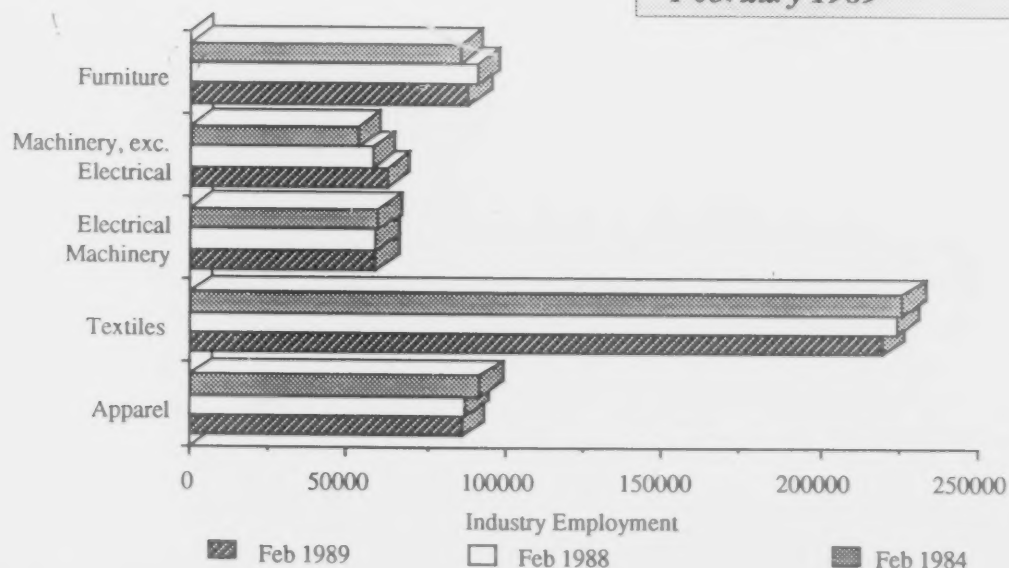


Table 4

**Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions
February 1989¹**

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ²	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2, 3}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	9,091	8,856	201	9	738
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	283	271	0	0	3
Clerical Occupations	1,595	1,558	6	0	30
Sales Occupations	331	326	2	0	1
Domestic Service Occupations	74	61	2	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,315	1,248	3	0	14
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	251	219	154	0	5
Processing Occupations	637	627	0	7	1
Machine Trade Occupations	1,102	1,099	6	0	17
Benchwork Occupations	1,747	1,743	12	0	4
Structural Work Occupations	1,036	986	1	0	645
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	232	221	6	1	23
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,695	1,589	9	0	11
Miscellaneous Occupations	40	40	0	1	27

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

³A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,318	409	1,728	140	1,940	370	582
38	4	24	4	116	86	137
180	104	781	97	289	121	185
9	7	267	11	30	0	0
0	0	0	0	60	0	0
73	34	344	189	686	104	150
6	0	10	3	40	6	43
551	1	26	0	46	0	1
987	8	28	1	62	1	0
1,519	0	21	0	216	1	2
204	20	27	5	96	33	37
30	83	55	0	27	12	17
954	151	179	0	347	3	5
27	0	0	1	5	6	9

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

³A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

*A Comparison of Insured
Unemployment Rates in North
Carolina and the United States
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

February 1988-February 1989

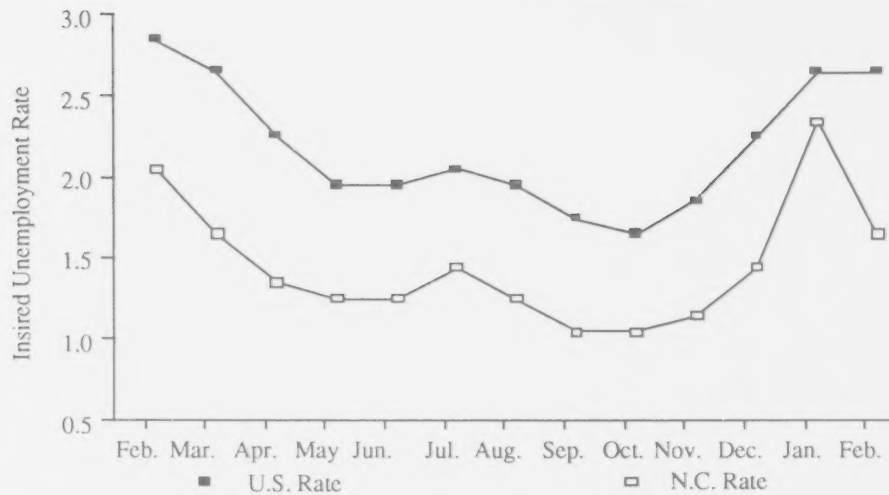
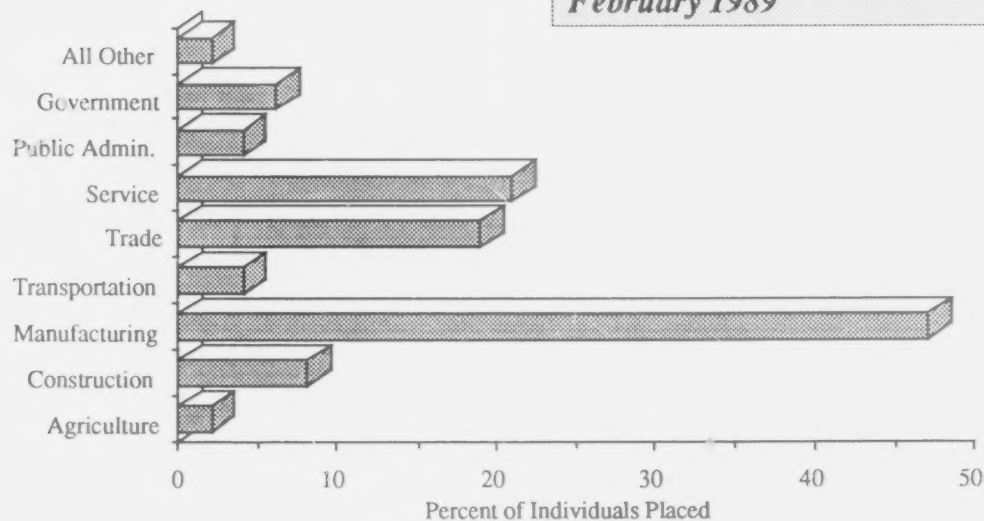


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

February 1989



Appendix

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 1989¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,996.4	2,984.5	2,911.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	868.6	868.9	865.0	*	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	356.1	356.5	351.9	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	36.8	36.3	36.5	+ 1.4	+ 0.8
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.3	12.1	12.3	+ 1.7	0.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.2	9.2	9.4	0.0	- 2.1
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.6	4.5	4.2	+ 2.2	+ 9.5
Furniture & Fixtures	87.9	88.8	90.6	- 1.0	- 3.0
Household Furniture	78.1	78.9	80.3	- 1.0	- 2.7
Wood Household Furniture	39.8	40.2	40.9	- 1.0	- 2.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.4	32.8	33.5	- 1.2	- 3.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	21.5	21.2	20.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	5.9	5.8	5.7	+ 1.7	+ 3.5
Primary Metal Industries	12.7	12.8	12.1	- 0.8	+ 5.0
Fabricated Metal Industries	30.8	30.8	30.0	0.0	+ 2.7
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	9.8	9.9	9.2	- 1.0	+ 6.5
Machinery, except Electrical	62.1	61.9	58.2	+ 0.3	+ 6.7
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.9	0.0	+ 1.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.4	58.6	59.0	- 0.3	- 1.0
Household Appliances	5.8	5.9	5.0	- 1.7	+ 16.0
Transportation Equipment	27.4	27.4	26.5	0.0	+ 3.4
Other Durable Goods ³	18.5	18.7	18.1	- 1.1	+ 2.2
Nondurable Goods	512.5	512.4	513.1	*	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	50.8	50.6	50.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Meat Products	23.5	23.4	24.1	+ 0.4	- 2.5
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.4	+ 4.0	+ 8.3
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 3.6	0.0
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.7	2.8	- 3.7	- 7.1
Bakery Products	8.4	8.3	8.0	+ 1.2	+ 5.0
Beverages	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	- 1.5

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²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

*Less than .05 percent.

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Table I
(Continued)

**Detailed Industry Employment
in North Carolina
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 1989¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment		Percent Change From:		
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.9	24.5	22.6	- 4.1	+ 4.0
Cigarettes	18.1	18.5	18.5	- 2.2	- 2.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.9	5.5	3.6	- 10.9	+ 36.1
Textile Mill Products	220.1	219.6	224.1	+ 0.2	- 1.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	53.8	53.9	55.0	- 0.2	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.1	24.3	27.1	- 0.8	- 11.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.4	28.4	27.0	0.0	+ 5.2
Knitting Mills	83.4	82.8	84.4	+ 0.7	- 1.2
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	23.6	23.3	24.5	+ 1.3	- 3.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.4	22.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.8	15.7	15.8	+ 0.6	0.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0
Textile Finishing, except Wool	16.1	15.8	15.8	+ 1.9	+ 5.2
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.5	51.8	53.9	- 0.6	- 4.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	86.6	86.2	87.0	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	30.4	30.2	29.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.3	35.4	37.3	- 0.3	- 5.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.9	21.5	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.0	10.1	10.2	- 1.0	- 2.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.1	8.1	7.7	0.0	+ 5.2
Printing & Publishing	30.0	30.0	29.6	0.0	+ 1.4
Newspapers	10.7	10.7	10.3	0.0	+ 3.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	41.6	41.4	40.4	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.6	13.2	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	33.8	33.0	- 0.3	+ 2.1
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	4.4	4.4	4.2	0.0	+ 4.8

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²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

⁶Less than .05 percent.

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Table I
(Continued)

**Detailed Industry Employment
in North Carolina
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 1989¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
Nonmanufacturing	2,127.7	2,115.6	2,046.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Mining	5.0	5.0	4.7	0.0	+ 6.4
Construction	157.9	157.9	154.3	0.0	+ 3.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	148.6	147.6	143.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.9
Transportation, except Railroad	88.8	87.4	82.8	+ 1.6	+ 7.2
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.1	56.5	56.5	- 0.7	- 0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	683.5	685.7	655.7	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	162.2	161.8	154.1	+ 0.2	+ 5.3
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	98.0	97.6	93.5	+ 0.4	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	64.2	64.2	60.6	0.0	+ 5.9
Retail Trade	521.3	523.9	501.6	- 0.5	+ 3.9
General Merchandise Stores	72.5	75.2	69.0	- 3.6	+ 5.1
Food Stores	87.2	87.1	82.5	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.5	130.4	127.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Service & Miscellaneous ³	534.6	526.2	504.6	+ 1.6	+ 5.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.9	25.6	25.9	+ 1.2	0.0
Personal Services	32.9	31.9	31.1	+ 3.1	+ 5.8
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.8	13.8	13.2	0.0	+ 4.5
Health Services	136.3	135.5	128.2	+ 0.6	+ 6.3
Hospitals	55.8	55.4	51.1	+ 0.7	+ 9.2
Legal Services	13.1	13.1	12.5	0.0	+ 4.8
Educational Services	35.0	33.4	34.6	+ 8.0	+ 1.2
Total Government	467.6	462.8	456.7	+ 1.0	+ 2.4
Federal	54.3	54.2	53.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
State	135.4	130.8	132.5	+ 3.5	+ 2.2
Education	73.4	68.8	70.8	+ 6.7	+ 3.7
Other	62.0	62.0	61.7	0.0	+ 0.5
Local	277.9	277.8	270.9	*	+ 2.6
Education	149.0	148.4	146.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Other	128.9	129.4	124.1	- 0.4	+ 3.9

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²Revised.

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

February 1989²

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988
Manufacturing	\$332.37	\$337.39	\$326.01	39.9	40.6	40.7	\$8.33	\$8.31	\$8.01
Durable Goods	350.27	354.69	342.38	40.4	41.1	41.3	8.67	8.63	8.29
Lumber & Wood Products	297.88	306.20	279.20	40.2	41.1	40.0	7.41	7.45	6.98
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	292.79	301.92	285.77	39.3	40.8	41.0	7.45	7.40	6.97
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	312.17	326.65	286.04	40.7	41.4	37.1	7.67	7.89	7.71
Furniture & Fixtures	288.73	293.76	291.46	37.4	38.3	39.6	7.72	7.67	7.36
Household Furniture	286.09	293.00	289.48	37.3	37.3	39.6	7.67	7.65	7.31
Wood Household Furniture	272.19	280.08	278.70	37.7	38.9	40.1	7.22	7.20	6.95
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	370.00	370.06	369.51	40.0	40.4	41.8	9.25	9.16	8.84
Structural Clay Products	290.29	283.46	317.25	37.7	37.2	42.3	7.70	7.62	7.50
Primary Metal Industries	412.58	428.90	412.02	42.1	43.9	43.6	9.80	9.77	9.45
Fabricated Metal Industries	376.89	386.60	373.05	41.1	42.2	42.2	9.17	9.09	8.84
Machinery, exc. Electrical	404.35	404.05	381.27	43.2	43.4	42.6	9.36	9.31	8.95
Special Industry Machinery	393.33	395.85	371.95	42.8	43.5	43.3	9.19	9.10	8.59
Electrical Machinery	397.32	399.21	393.30	42.0	42.2	42.2	9.46	9.46	9.32
Household Appliances	278.38	289.82	288.01	40.2	41.7	41.5	6.90	6.95	6.94
Transportation Equipment	404.39	415.59	403.64	42.3	43.7	44.7	9.56	9.51	9.03
Nondurable Goods	320.76	326.43	315.15	39.6	40.3	40.3	8.10	8.10	7.82
Food & Kindred Products	288.90	298.89	267.47	39.2	40.5	37.2	7.37	7.38	7.19
Meat Products	250.91	264.38	207.95	38.9	40.8	34.6	6.45	6.48	6.01

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

February 1989²

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1989	Jan.3 1989	Feb. ³ 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988
Dairy Products	325.62	315.24	297.20	43.3	42.6	41.8	7.52	7.40	7.11
Grain Mill Products	335.54	341.91	332.11	42.1	42.9	42.2	7.97	7.97	7.87
Bakery Products	317.60	315.22	330.64	40.0	39.7	41.8	7.94	7.94	7.91
Beverages	495.74	503.62	526.58	38.4	38.8	40.6	12.91	12.98	12.97
Tobacco Manufacturers	544.61	536.53	585.33	36.6	36.9	39.1	14.88	14.54	14.97
Cigarettes	647.13	648.52	666.65	37.0	37.4	39.8	17.49	17.34	16.75
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	219.80	219.65	220.98	35.0	35.2	35.7	6.28	6.24	6.19
Textile Mill Products	291.40	298.82	291.75	39.7	40.6	41.5	7.34	7.36	7.03
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	314.34	319.14	327.66	39.0	39.4	41.9	8.06	8.10	7.82
Weaving Mills, Cotton	300.95	289.88	326.23	37.2	36.1	41.4	8.09	8.03	7.88
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	326.41	341.46	3429.80	40.7	42.0	42.5	8.02	8.13	7.76
Knitting Mills	264.11	276.11	265.93	38.5	39.9	40.6	6.86	6.92	6.55
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	238.28	252.32	243.82	37.0	38.7	39.2	6.44	6.52	6.22
Hosiery, NEC	247.31	260.68	264.36	37.7	39.2	41.5	6.56	6.65	6.37
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	304.27	319.96	300.46	40.3	42.1	42.2	7.55	7.60	7.12
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	340.17	347.21	338.74	43.5	44.4	45.9	7.82	7.82	7.38
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	325.28	332.23	296.90	42.8	43.6	41.7	7.60	7.62	7.12
Yarn & Thread Mills	296.33	301.68	290.64	41.1	41.9	42.0	7.21	7.20	6.92
Apparel & Other Textile Products	215.25	221.37	206.27	37.5	38.3	37.3	5.74	5.78	5.53
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	214.54	228.51	205.10	36.8	38.6	36.3	5.83	5.92	5.65
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	199.09	202.37	196.27	36.8	37.2	37.6	5.41	5.44	5.22

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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³Revised.

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Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

February 1989²

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. ³ 1989	Feb. ³ 1988
Paper & Allied Products	497.08	492.98	490.91	43.0	43.2	43.1	11.56	11.40	11.39
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	656.08	626.94	631.15	44.3	43.0	43.2	14.81	14.58	14.61
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	392.28	408.22	389.85	42.0	43.8	42.7	9.34	9.32	9.13
Printing & Publishing	380.03	371.13	357.90	39.3	38.7	39.2	9.67	9.59	9.13
Newspapers	290.83	285.08	289.66	32.1	31.5	32.4	9.06	9.05	8.94
Chemicals & Allied Products	478.08	481.80	471.76	43.7	44.0	43.4	10.94	10.95	10.87
Plastics & Synthetics	515.90	513.26	528.39	44.9	44.4	45.2	11.49	11.56	11.69
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	415.74	425.38	405.25	40.6	41.5	41.1	10.24	10.25	9.86
Mining	437.57	430.58	409.45	47.0	46.6	45.8	9.31	9.24	8.94
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	524.06	535.00	521.94	42.4	42.8	42.4	12.36	12.50	12.31
Wholesale & Retail Trade	208.15	209.56	206.03	30.7	31.0	31.6	6.78	6.76	6.52
Wholesale Trade	338.52	337.85	329.61	38.6	38.7	39.1	8.77	8.73	8.43
Retail Trade	170.97	173.98	171.69	28.4	28.9	29.5	6.02	6.02	5.82
General Merchandise Stores	151.55	155.03	151.06	25.6	26.1	26.0	5.92	5.94	5.81
Food Stores	181.33	180.16	182.99	29.2	29.2	30.6	6.21	6.17	5.98
Services, Hotels & Other									
Lodging Places	76.14	74.12	77.93	14.1	13.7	14.9	5.40	5.41	5.23
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	205.37	205.71	201.24	34.4	34.4	34.4	5.97	5.98	5.85

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

February 1989

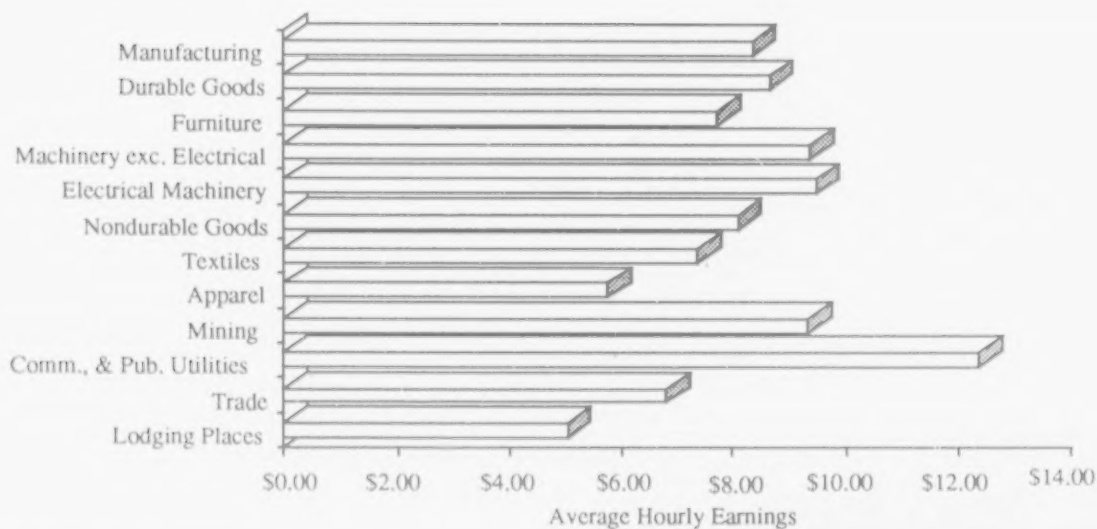


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
Durable Goods Industries
Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

February 1989

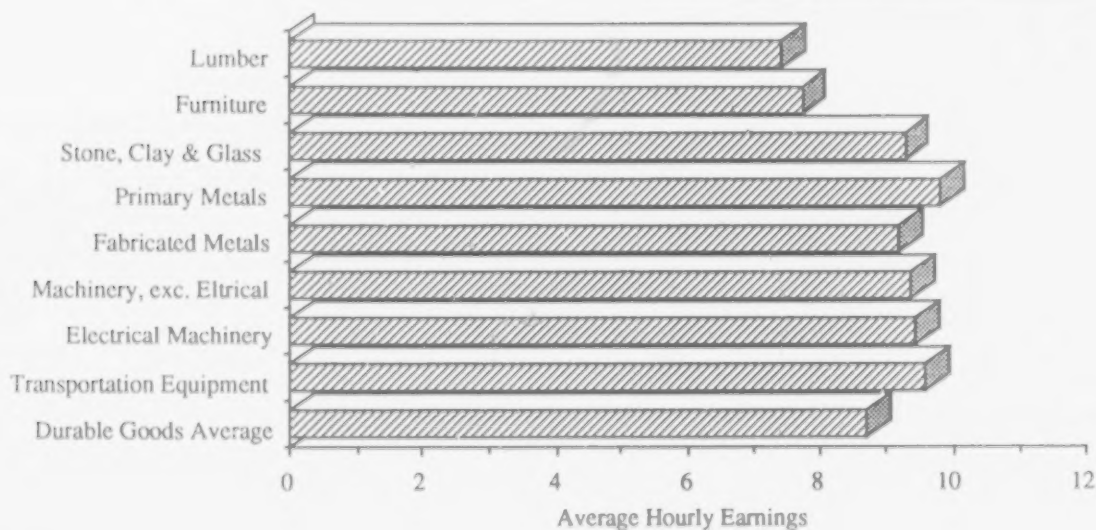


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

February 1989¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
Manufacturing	682.9	683.7	684.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	266.1	266.7	265.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	30.6	30.3	31.0	+ 1.0	- 1.3
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	7.7	7.7	8.1	0.0	- 4.9
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.0	+ 8.8
Furniture & Fixtures	76.7	77.5	79.4	- 1.0	- 3.4
Household Furniture	68.6	69.3	70.8	- 1.0	- 3.1
Wood Household Furniture	36.0	36.4	37.1	- 1.1	- 3.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	17.0	16.9	16.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	- 4.5
Primary Metal Industries	9.6	9.6	9.0	0.0	+ 6.7
Fabricated Metal Industries	22.9	23.0	22.5	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Machinery, except Electrical	31.2	31.1	29.6	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	41.9	42.0	41.9	- 0.2	0.0
Household Appliances	5.1	5.2	4.2	- 1.9	+ 21.4
Transportation Equipment	22.4	22.4	21.4	0.0	+ 4.7
Other Durable Goods ³	13.8	13.9	13.5	- 0.7	+ 2.2
Nondurable Goods	416.8	417.0	419.6	0.0	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	36.1	35.9	36.5	+ 0.6	- 1.1
Meat Products	20.5	20.4	21.4	+ 0.5	- 4.2
Meat Packing Plants	1.9	1.8	1.7	+ 5.6	+ 11.8
Dairy Products	1.6	1.5	1.6	+ 6.7	0.0
Grain Mill Products	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 5.3	- 10.0
Bakery Products	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 2.1	+ 6.5

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²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

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Table III

(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

February 1989¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1989	Jan. ² 1989	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
Beverages	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	- 3.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.7	18.6	17.2	- 4.8	+ 2.9
Cigarettes	13.3	13.6	13.9	- 2.2	- 4.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	4.6	2.9	- 13.0	+ 37.9
Textile Mill Products	194.2	194.1	198.3	+ 0.1	- 2.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	47.9	48.2	49.0	- 0.6	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	21.4	21.6	23.9	- 0.9	- 10.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	25.5	25.6	24.3	- 0.4	+ 4.9
Knitting Mills	73.8	73.3	74.8	+ 0.5	- 1.3
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	20.9	20.7	21.6	+ 1.0	- 3.2
Hosiery, NEC	20.5	20.3	20.4	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.6	13.7	+ 0.7	0.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.3	5.3	5.5	0.0	- 3.6
Textile Finishing, except Wool	13.5	13.3	12.9	+ 1.5	+ 4.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.4	46.7	48.9	- 0.6	- 5.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	75.2	74.9	75.7	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	26.5	26.3	25.6	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	30.4	30.6	32.5	- 0.7	- 6.5
Paper & Allied Products	16.3	16.4	16.1	- 0.6	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.0	7.1	7.2	- 1.4	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.2	6.3	5.9	0.0	+ 5.1
Printing & Publishing	18.7	18.6	18.7	+ 0.5	0.0
Newspapers	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	+ 2.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.4	27.1	26.3	+ 1.1	+ 4.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.8	9.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.4	27.6	27.2	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Other Nondurable Goods ³	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	+ 5.6

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March 1989 HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 3.0 in March, a decline of 0.2 percent from the prior month's rate of 3.2. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0 for March. The national rate was 5.1 in February. From a year ago, the state's rate was down from 5.6 percent.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina in March was estimated at 3,415,000, an increase of 20,000 from the February estimate of 3,390,000. From March 1988, the civilian labor force saw an increase of 105,000 people.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for March, moved up to 3,311,000 from 3,283,000 in February for an increase of 28,000 workers. The number employed in March 1989 was 125,000 greater than in March 1988, for an increase of about 3.8 percent. The number of persons unemployed was 3,000 less in March (104,000) than in February (107,000). From March a year ago, the unemployed estimate was down by 20,000. The March 1988 unemployed numbered 124,000.

In March, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment was 3,009,600, a decline of 20,900 from the prior month's estimate of 3,030,500. An over-the-month loss of 19,600 occurred in nonmanufacturing and employment in manufacturing fell by 1,900. In manufacturing, there were no significant changes over the month. Employment losses in nonmanufacturing were most significant in the construction (-8,900) and trade (+7,200) industries.

A total of 78,000 employees were added to industry payrolls from March 1988-March 1989. Manufacturing employment increased by 5,700, as employment in nonmanufacturing was increasing by 72,300. The manufacturing gain was in durable goods (+5,700). Gains of 4,100 workers occurred in the fabricated metal products, and 3,700 in machinery, exc. electrical. Most non-durable goods industries posted modest changes for an overall increase of 700.

In March 1989, 10,586 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission. Nearly one-half (5,008) of the individuals was placed in manufacturing industries. More than 2,712 persons found jobs in the service industry, while 2,180 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 2,107 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 2,015 in bench work; 1,750 in services, except domestic; and 1,370 in machine trades.

Production workers in manufacturing earned \$8.37 an hour in March. The average hours worked were 40.3, and average weekly earnings amounted to \$337.31. There was an increase of \$.33 an hour in average hourly earnings from March 1988. Workers in cigarette manufacturing earned the highest hourly pay at \$18.04. In nonmanufacturing, workers in pulp, paper, and paperboard averaged \$15.08 an hour during March 1989.

Production workers in North Carolina manufacturing industries totalled 682,600 in March 1989. This is a decline of 300 from the February 1989 estimate of 682,900, and a decline of 2,400 from March 1988. Most major industry divisions registered small changes from the month ago levels. From February of last year, manufacturing lost 2,800 production workers in furniture and 3,500 in textiles.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

March 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
October 1988 through March 1989

	Mar. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989	Mar. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,881	4,943	4,951	4,959	4,967	4,975	4,983
Civilian Labor Force	3,310	3,387	3,386	3,371	3,435	3,390	3,415
Participation Rate ¹	67.8	68.5	68.4	68.0	69.2	68.1	68.5
Employed	3,186	3,254	3,266	3,254	3,302	3,283	3,311
Employment-Population Ratio ²	65.3	65.8	66.0	65.6	66.5	66.0	66.4
Unemployed	124	133	120	117	133	107	104
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.0
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
January 1989 through March 1989

	Mar. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989	Mar. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,881	4,967	4,975	4,983
Civilian Labor Force	3,276	3,381	3,381	3,379
Participation Rate ¹	67.1	68.1	68.0	67.8
Employed	3,147	3,231	3,255	3,269
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.5	65.0	65.4	65.6
Unemployed	130	150	125	110
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.4	3.7	3.2
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	1.6	2.3	1.6	1.8

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

March 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
October 1988 through March 1989

	Mar. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989	Mar. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	184,111	185,114	185,244	185,402	185,644	185,777	185,897
Civilian Labor Force	120,936	122,091	122,510	122,563	123,428	123,181	123,264
Participation Rate ¹	65.7	66.0	66.1	66.1	66.5	66.3	66.3
Employed	114,129	115,573	115,947	116,009	116,711	116,853	117,136
Employment-Population Ratio ²	62.0	62.4	62.6	62.6	62.9	62.9	63.0
Unemployed	6,807	6,518	6,563	6,554	6,716	6,328	6,128
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.0
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
January 1989 through March 1989

	Mar. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989	Mar. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	184,111	185,644	185,777	185,897
Civilian Labor Force	119,957	122,095	121,906	122,223
Participation Rate ¹	65.2	65.8	65.6	65.7
Employed	112,867	114,786	115,023	115,844
Employment-Population Ratio ²	61.3	61.8	61.9	62.3
Unemployed	7,090	7,309	6,883	6,378
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1988-March 1989

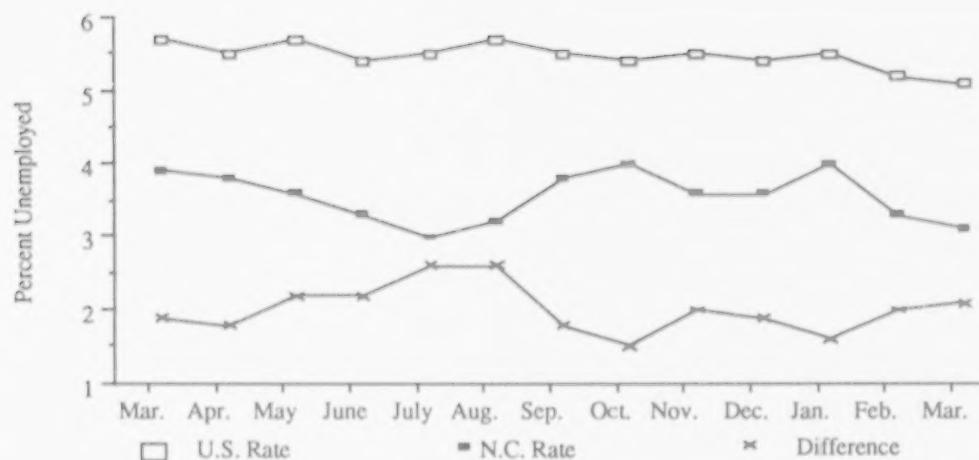
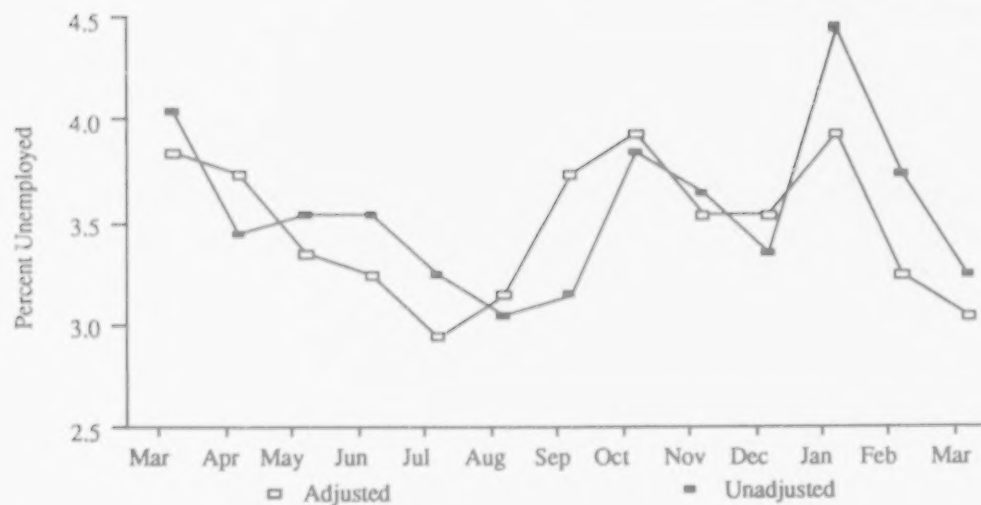


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

March 1988-March 1989



**Industry Employment in
North Carolina**

March 1989¹

**(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)**

Table 3

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Mar. 1989	Feb. ² 1989	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1989		Mar. 1988	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,378.9	3,380.8	3,276.4	- 1.9	- 0.1	+ 102.5	+ 3.1
Unemployment, Total	109.5	125.4	129.5	- 15.9	- 12.7	- 20.0	- 15.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.2	3.7	4.0	- 0.5	xxx	- 0.8	xxx
Employment, Total	3,269.4	3,255.4	3,146.9	+ 14.0	+ 0.4	+ 122.5	+ 3.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force	3,415.0	3,390.0	3,310.0	+ 25.0	+ 0.7	+ 105.0	+ 3.2
Unemployment, Total	104.0	107.0	124.0	- 3.0	- 2.8	- 20.0	- 16.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.0	3.2	3.7	- 0.2	xxx	- 0.7	xxx
Employment, Total	3,311.0	3,283.0	3,186.0	+ 28.0	+ 0.9	+ 125.0	+ 3.9
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,009.6	3,030.5	2,931.6	- 20.9	- 0.7	+ 78.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	870.9	872.8	865.2	- 1.9	- 0.2	+ 5.7	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	355.8	357.2	350.8	- 1.4	- 0.4	+ 5.0	+ 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	36.4	37.3	37.3	- 0.9	- 2.4	- 0.9	- 2.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.0	12.4	12.6	- 0.4	- 3.2	- 0.6	- 4.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	8.4	9.5	+ 0.9	+ 10.7	- 0.2	- 2.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.7	4.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 2.1
Furniture & Fixtures	87.0	87.1	92.6	- 0.1	- 0.1	- 5.6	- 6.0
Household Furniture	77.1	77.5	82.3	- 0.4	- 0.5	- 5.2	- 6.3
Wood Household Furniture	39.3	39.7	41.5	- 0.4	- 1.0	- 2.2	- 5.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.2	32.1	34.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 2.5	- 7.2

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Less than .05 percent

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1989¹

**(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)**

Table 3

(Continued)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Mar. 1989	Feb. ² 1989	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1989		Mar. 1988	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.7	21.8	20.7	- 0.1	- 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.8
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 3.4	- 0.1	- 3.4
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	5.9	6.1	6.0	- 0.2	- 3.3	- 0.1	- 1.7
Primary Metal Products	12.9	12.8	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.0	+ 8.4
Fabricated Metal Products	31.0	31.0	26.9	0.0	0.0	+ 4.1	+ 15.2
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	9.9	10.0	8.3	- 0.1	- 1.0	+ 1.6	+ 19.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	62.4	62.3	58.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 3.7	+ 6.3
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 3.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.5	58.8	59.4	- 0.3	- 0.5	- 0.9	- 1.5
Household Appliances	6.4	6.6	4.8	- 0.2	- 3.0	+ 1.6	+ 33.3
Transportation Equipment	27.4	27.4	25.9	0.0	0.0	+ 1.5	+ 5.8
Other Durable Goods ⁴	18.5	18.7	17.4	- 0.2	- 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 6.3
Nondurable Goods	515.1	515.6	514.4	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	51.4	51.6	50.9	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Meat Products	23.5	23.5	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Meat Packing Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.6	- 0.2	- 6.5
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 3.8	- 0.1	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.5	8.5	8.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Beverages	6.6	6.7	5.8	- 0.1	- 1.5	+ 0.8	+ 13.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.6	24.2	22.5	- 0.6	- 2.5	+ 1.1	+ 4.9
Cigarettes	18.1	18.2	18.7	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.6	- 3.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.3	5.7	3.1	- 0.4	- 7.0	- 2.2	- 71.0
Textile Mill Products	220.8	221.2	220.8	- 0.4	- 0.2	0.0	0.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton,							
Synthetics & Wool	53.8	53.9	51.0	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 2.8	+ 5.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.3	24.2	26.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 1.9	- 7.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.4	28.5	24.2	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 4.2	+ 17.4

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